

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 4, 7 and 9-16 without prejudice.

- 1 1. (*Amended*) A combination carabiner and tool device comprising:
 - 2 a curvilinear body [defining a prolate openable loop] having an elongated handle [region,
 - 3 an upper loop region and a lower loop region] member with a first end and a second end, an
 - 4 upper arm member integrally attached at the first end, and a lower arm member integrally
 - 5 attached to the second end of said handle member;
 - 6 [said curvilinear body having] an elongated storage slot [portion in] disposed within the
 - 7 handle [region] member;
 - 8 [at least one tool] a knife blade pivotally mounted at [one] the first end [to move] of the
 - 9 handle member, said blade pivoting between an extended open position outside the storage slot
 - 10 [portion] and a closed position within the storage slot [portion]; and
 - 11 a gate element [connected to the curvilinear body in the lower loop region] connecting
 - 12 said upper arm member and said lower arm member, said gate element being pivotally mounted
 - 13 to move between an open position and a closed position, wherein the curvilinear body and gate
 - 14 element [forming a closed loop] define a prolate opening when the gate element is in the closed
 - 15 position.

1 2. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including
2 a locking [mechanism capable of] pin assembly for releasably locking [at least one tool] said
3 knife blade in the open position.

1 3. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim [1] 2, [including a] said
2 locking pin assembly [comprising] comprises:

3 a head which protrudes through a slot in the body and contacts an elongated shaft;
4 the elongated shaft formed of [two parts,] a lesser diameter shaft portion and a greater
5 diameter shaft portion;

6 the greater diameter shaft portion having a cross-sectional area sufficient to substantially
7 fill an arcuate slot in the blade; and

8 a coil spring in contact at a first end with the elongated shaft and at a second end with
9 the body.

1 5. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim [4] 1,
2 wherein [the] said knife blade has a projecting thumb ridge [for manipulation of] to facilitate in
3 manipulating the knife [in opening and closing relative to the storage slot] blade between the
4 open position and the closed position.

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1 8. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including
2 a folding can opener [as a tool] pivotally mounted [in the slot portion] at the first end of the
3 handle member adjacent said knife blade.

1 17. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including
2 an external cutout with a lip in the lower [loop region] arm member for opening capped bottles.

1 18. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1,
2 [including a locking feature for the] said gate element [when in] includes means for locking the
3 gate elemeny in the closed position.

Please add the following claims:

1 --19. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including at least
2 one tool pivotally mounted at the second end of the handle member, said at least one tool
3 pivoting between an extended open position outside the storage slot and a closed position within
4 the storage slot.

1 20. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, wherein said at least
2 one tool is selected from the group consisting of a knife blade, a can open, a bottle cap opener,
3 a Phillips screwdriver, a flat head screwdriver, a saw, an Allen wrench, a pair of scissors, a
4 claw-shaped ripping hook tool, a pair of pliers, and combinations thereof.--